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ALTERED PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATION CHARACTERISTICS AND A
PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SAID PROTEIN

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 12, 2002, applicants elect the invention of Group I drawn to streptokinase proteins. The action indicates that claims 1-3, 9 and 32 fall within Group I. Applicants note that claim 9 depends on claim 7 and features a method of preparing a hybrid plasminogen activator, and they question inclusion of claim 9 in Group I.

Further, Applicants traverse, and request reconsideration of, the restriction of Groups I and II. The mere fact that DNA has uses other than the manufacture of protein does not by itself justify this restriction. The wording of claim 4 references claim 1 and it is appropriate to examine both groups in this application.

In other respects, the election is without traverse.

Applicants understand that the requirement to elect a species is limited to Group III and does not apply in view of their election of Group I.

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